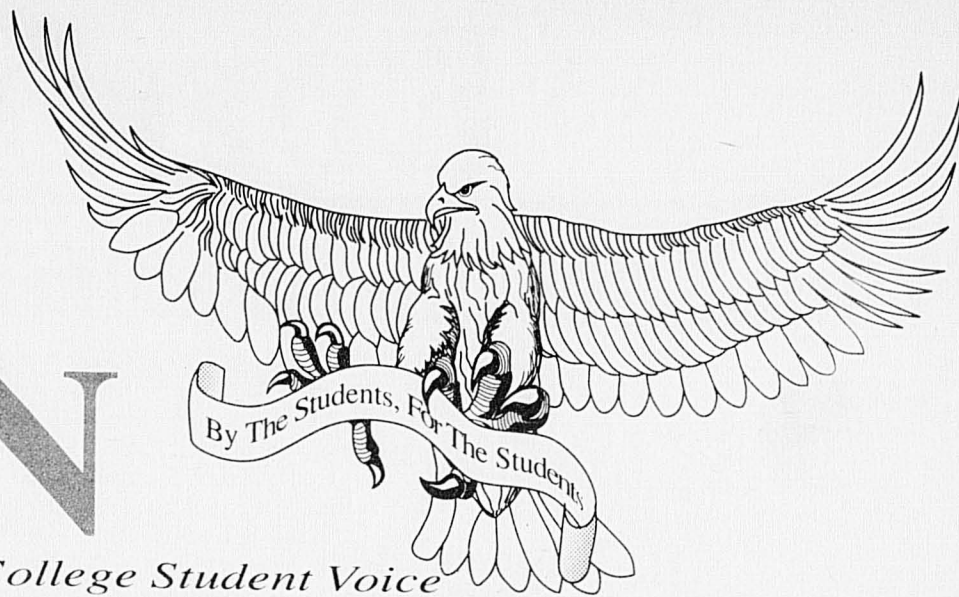


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Happy Holidays from *The Talon*. This is our last issue this semester. We'll be back Jan. 21!

We just hope Santa can find everyone...

We polled some Avila students to find out where they were spending their Christmas break:

- 59 are staying home.
- 42 are going home.
- 1 is going to Puerto Rico.
- 1 is going to the Caribbean.
- 1 is going to Cancun.
- 1 is going to Guam.
- 3 are going to England.
- 22 are vacationing in various areas in the U.S.

What about the international students at Avila? For a peek at how they spend their holidays, turn to pages 4 & 5!

Honesty important to faculty evaluations

By Dianna E. Hughes
Editor-in-chief

It's almost time for students to tell Avila what they really think of their teachers. And if students are reluctant to be honest in their faculty evaluation comments, they needn't be.

"I want to be sure the students know their anonymity is preserved," Sr. Marie Joan Harris said.

Harris is Avila's Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs. As such, she is the member of administration who deals first-hand with the faculty evaluations that all students are asked to fill out for all teachers at the end of every semester.

Sister Harris wants students to feel they can be completely honest in their comments without fear of reprisal.

"My hope would be that people would take the time to be really honest," she said.

"I know a number of students say they are reluctant to make comments because they think they'll have this faculty member again another time and they'll be identified. I wish people would not feel that way because it makes it difficult to address it if there's a real problem," Harris said.

She added that the most helpful part of the evaluations is the written comments because they allow her to find a starting point with which to talk to faculty members when a specific problem is identified through faculty evaluations.

But Sr. Harris noted that

Avila's faculty members never see the actual evaluations containing the handwritten comments. What they receive is a typewritten summary.

"Someone in (each) department, generally the department secretary, collates all the data and types up

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summaries of all the statements on the evaluations. So the faculty member never sees the originals," Sr. Harris said. "All they ever see is a summary."

Nevertheless, student comments are an important part of the faculty evaluation process.

"Whenever a faculty member doesn't reach (Avila's) standards, it is very easy to identify them from student comments because they'll stand out so differently from the rest," Sr. Harris said.

"I would like the students to know that their comments are taken seriously, by the administration, that there have been many times when we have sat down and used those as ways to help faculty improve. I don't take them lightly."

She added, "There have been specific comments that have been made on evaluations that really, really concerned me."

But at the same time, faculty members who receive bad evaluations aren't just dismissed overnight. Sr. Harris noted that some students would like to see more immediate action taken against faculty who are poorly evaluated, but she believes in first helping the faculty member to improve.

"In my dealing with the faculty, I treat them as I would treat students. As I expect students to have the opportunity to change, I also like to provide faculty the opportunity to change," she said.

The whole purpose of doing faculty evaluations is to "help the faculty themselves see what they are doing well and what they need to revise in their

classes," she said.

Besides the students' evaluations, faculty members are also observed and evaluated by their department chairperson and they must also complete a self-evaluation once a year.

All of this is meant to uphold Avila's values statement which says that the college values excellence in teaching and learning.

"Our philosophy is that teaching is both an art and a skill," Sr. Harris said.

And she believes that honest, productive student comments, along with guidance from faculty mentors, helps Avila's teachers maintain high standards.

"I would say having looked at hundreds and hundreds of evaluations that we have some excellent faculty here," she said.

When a problem needs immediate attention...

End-of-semester evaluations are fine for general concerns, but sometimes students may feel a problem with a faculty member needs immediate attention.

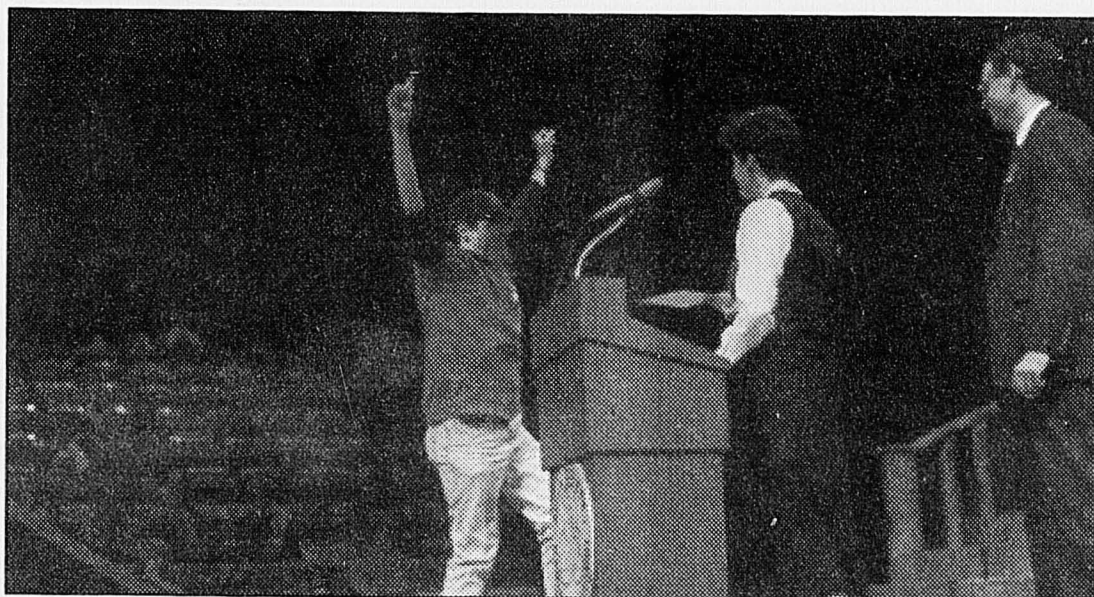
Sr. Harris suggests that, if possible, students approach the faculty member and make an appointment to discuss the situation outside of class.

"Most of the time that will work, but it takes a lot of courage," she said.

Students should also talk to the chairperson of the appropriate department and "make them aware of what's going on," Sr. Harris said. "If a number of students go to the chairperson, it soon becomes obvious that there's a problem."

Another PAVA day came and went

On Tuesday, November 16, Avila's campus was invaded by hundreds of high school students for Avila's annual Performing And Visual Arts day. PAVA day entails various competitions and workshops from the humanities. At left a student accepting his award in the 3-dimensional design competition from Susan Lawlor, Head of the Art Department and Dan Larson, the chairperson of Humanities.



EDITORIALS

Night People headline

Have you ever found yourself in this situation? You have a date. You ask your date where she would like to go for dinner.

"I don't care," she says.

So you decide on a restaurant that you like. Your date never says if she liked the food or even

you can't speak out; it must be that you won't. I wonder why.

Robert Kennedy once said, "When we tolerate what we know to be wrong — when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy, or too frightened — when we fail to speak up and speak out — we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice."

People heard and spoke out. They spoke out against racism, against sexism, against a system corrupted by greed, power and cynicism. They spoke out, by word and physical demonstrations. And they changed the world.

The voices are now mostly silent, the demonstrations just tidbits of historic trivia. The work they did has been eroded by those who would rule, by the same forces of greed, power and cynicism that all those people spoke out against. Now, it seems, people are content to just go along.

Is this true? Is "go along to get along" the guiding principle of people today? Are people too afraid or too complacent? Are you just too busy to be concerned?

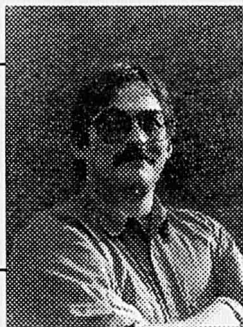
Somehow, I doubt it.

Is it that the subjects aren't important? Granted, smoking lounges and parking are a far cry from civil rights, but the principle is the same. At one time, equal rights for blacks was considered trivial and not worth bothering with. It's not important, you see, to wait for that major issue to come along — any issue can be important in a free society.

Whether that government is national, local or even this microcosm called Avila, the words are still true. How can anyone know what's important to you if you don't speak out? Wolakota.

Night People

By Herb Simon
Opinion Editor



if she's having a good time. You learn later that she complained vehemently about your poor choice of food, your table manners and even that you arrogantly chose such a bad restaurant in the first place.

Frustrating, isn't it? Before I'm taken to task for my choice of pronoun, women have no lock on this game — men are quite adept at it, too. The point is that we rely on feedback from others to live together in this world. Without that feedback, without the opinions of others, we have no way of gauging whether what we're doing is seen as good or not. We are forced to stumble blindly along, hoping that we don't offend somebody.

So it has been with the staff of *The Talon*. We keep asking for opinions about various subjects but seldom receive any answers. And that's sad because, you see, you spoke eloquently at Soapbox Days. Your voices rang with courage, compassion and thoughtfulness. So it's not that

Student response about parking

Editor's note: This message was received by *The Talon* staff in response to the Avila Voices question last issue about the parking situation.

"I'm a full time, off-campus business major and the only negative parking experiences that I've had all relate to those

people who are illegally parked. To me, the parking situation at Avila is excellent. Although I haven't experienced a problem yet because of it, I do agree that more lighting would be a good idea for the night students and on-campus students.

Diane Bean

Voice your opinion

Are students honest in their comments or faculty evaluations?

They're a fact of Avila life. They arrive at least once a semester, to pester students with their clamoring. They are the bane of some poor student who is chosen by the instructor (they call it "volunteering") to serve them, to amass them and, finally, to carry them safely back to the Administration from whence they were issued.

They are, of course, the faculty evaluations — the forms by which the faculty of Avila is allegedly graded by students. They are mandatory. But do they really do any good? Do students feel that the Administration really does pay any attention to student's comments or criticisms? Or are they just another nuisance

Avila students must endure?

Voice an opinion by calling *The Talon* voice mail at 942-8400, Ext. 3253. We need your voice.

Do you feel the faculty evaluation forms are affective?

Students: Do you feel you can be completely honest in your comments?

Faculty: Do you feel that the students comments are helpful?

Any suggestions to improve the faculty evaluation process?

Avila needs more comfortable desks

By Kathi VanVeen
News Editor

Anyone who has spent more than 30 seconds in one of Avila's student desks knows that they are individual torture chambers. What makes them so horrible is the weirdly contorted contraption underneath that is trying, in vain, to pass for a book rack. Why? Because, when students sit in these desks, there is no place on the desk in front of them to rest their feet. For people 5' 4" and under this poses a major problem.

If "short" people sit properly with backs to the back of the seat, then their feet dangle helplessly in the air above the floor, which just happens to be nature's foot rest. This not only limits the amount of oxygen-rich blood that reaches the feet, but short folks run the risk of gangrene due to poor circulation.

Don't get me wrong, "Tall" people have problems too. Tall people trying to fold themselves into a student desk is not a pretty picture. But it isn't their fault. There is really no place for their long legs to go. Sure, they have the floor to rest their feet on, but then their knees collide with the underneath side of their desks. Or, they can choose to slump down and stick

those wonderful long legs of theirs into the aisle. But this creates a hazard, not only to their spine, but also for anyone trying to pass by.

I realize that the sadistic genius who designed student desks did so with the "average" student in mind. But who decided what's average? Probably someone who never had to sit in one, that's who.

So, what is the solution to this dilemma? The most obvious solution is to follow the example being set by the Communication department. Classroom 800 in Dallas has wonderful student desks which have flat, let me repeat, flat book racks. Not only can one student place his or her books on them, but another student, sitting in the desk behind, has a built-in foot rest.

With all the tuition students pay and all the money being spent for

renovations around campus, couldn't Avila administration shell out a little money for some decent student desks for the other departments on campus? (If something isn't done soon, a rash of students may switch their major to communication!)

Sitting in any class for 50, or worse yet, 75 minutes with absolutely no place to rest your pups is clearly a threat to the posture of students.

For the college learning experience to be truly edifying, students need three basic things: A good attitude, a strong constitution, and SOME PLACE TO REST THEIR FEET!

College is supposed to be a challenge, right? But aren't 25-page research papers, mountains of financial aid forms, and oral presentations challenge enough for even the most dedicated student? The simple act of sitting shouldn't be a challenge too.

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Censoring cartoon is not a solution

Dear Editor:

I do not think that the television program "Beavis and Butthead" should be banned from MTV. Let's admit that "Beavis and Butthead" is a program for adults, not children. Yes, Beavis and Butthead are cartoon characters but the program is for adults. Children should be watching Disney cartoon characters.

I am against censoring a television program because censorship does not solve the problem, it only tries to hide it.

Parent's need to decide what television programs their children should watch and which ones are not appropriate for viewing. When parents fail to take responsibility for caring

for their children, then the result is they shift the blame to someone else.

Since MTV is a cable network channel, not a public network channel, there is a difference in the types of programs that are available to the viewing audience.

Viewers of cable television pay for the programs they watch. This means the cable network has the authority and ability to air a variety of programs with or without the support of the television viewing audience. A television network files for a license with the FCC so it can air television programs. The public viewing audience has the ability to

control what is aired on these networks.

I feel sorry for the Ohio family who lost everything, including one of their children, when their five-year-old son burned down the trailer they were living in. But "Beavis and Butthead" should not be the scapegoat for this tragedy. It was the parents' fault for leaving their children unattended and allowing the five-year-old to gain access to matches. The parents were so irresponsible that it cost them the life of one of their children.

Parents must decide what type of television programs are appropriate for their kids.

Mike Boos

Campus Ministry food drive Nov. 29—Dec. 3

By Susan G. Caffey
Staff Writer

Campus Ministry, under the direction of Father Daniel Torson, is conducting a food drive from Nov. 29—Dec. 3.

This annual event involves cooperative efforts of Campus Ministry, Student Life and Service Learning. This year the food will be donated to the food pantry at St. James Church, 39th and Troost.

The week of the drive, boxes for food donations will be placed in all campus buildings. Donations should be in the form of nonperishable goods and diapers.

Students can also help by volunteering to transport the

goods to the church the week following the drive. Anyone interested can contact Fr. Torson at ext. 2423 or Nancy Wormington, Coordinator of Service Learning, at ext. 2370.

Campus Ministry also offers Bible study classes Tuesdays at 10 p.m. and the Newman Club—a discussion group covering current topics and their relationship to faith—on Tuesday evenings biweekly.

According to Fr. Torson, the purpose of Campus Ministry is "to connect people and existing programs with the spiritual dimension." He sees the Ministry "not [as] a separate entity but a part of all campus life."

Elderhostel helps to dispel misconceptions

By Kathi VanVeen
News Editor

You may have seen them Oct. 17-23 in the dining hall, the residence halls, or just taking a stroll around campus. They arrive every year, once in the fall and again in spring. Who? The participants of the Elderhostel.

For one week each year, Avila sponsors the hostel. The first was sponsored in the fall of 1984.

Founded in 1975, the Elderhostel is primarily an educational program for persons over the age of 60. Many come from different areas of the country to take 3-hour non-credit classes. Avila instructors teach the courses.

"Participants take classes indigenous to the area (such as Wagons West: The Santa Fe Trail, and Art and Music of the Frontier), said Dona Neuman,

the hostel's co-director. "They are people who have a lot of interest in life and learning," she said.

"We've been taught that the elderly are different," said David Wissmann, co-director of the Elderhostel. "This program helps dispel that misconception."

Part of what makes the hostel a success is volunteers. Students can volunteer to help with a variety of activities.

Sue Ellen Wood, student volunteer, said, "I have a good time with them (hostel participants). They're the age of my parents. I love listening to their stories. They have a lot to teach about life," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the next Elderhostel, to be held in April 1994, can contact Neuman at 942-8400, ext. 2241 or Wissman at ext. 2243.

El Salvador slowly achieving peace

Eduardo Molino speaks about fear in his homeland

by Herbert C Simon
Opinion Editor

Professor Eduardo Molina, currently with the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University, spoke at Avila Nov. 8 to approximately 30 people in Whitfield Center.

He talked about the current situation in El Salvador, in the aftermath of the bloody 12-year war that ended Dec. 31, 1991.

A native of El Salvador, Professor Molina served on the United Nations Ad Hoc Commission, which was set up to help the Salvadoran people implement the peace accords ending the war.

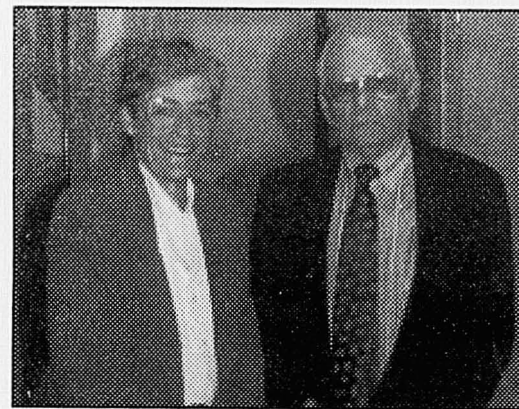
"We are in the process of gaining democratization with the approaching elections in March," he said. "There are two things that need to happen: a consolidation of the peace process and achieving of real democracy. For these two things to happen, we need an election that is very clean."

He added that there has been what he sees as signs of hope in the achievement of democracy in El Salvador. The most promising is that the cease-fire has not been violated once since the war ended almost two years ago.

Another achievement is freedom of the press. He said, "All of the media was controlled by the government. Now there is freedom of the press. Now two FMMLN radio stations operate openly in San Salvador, the capital."

The FMMLN, an acronym for *Farabundo Marti Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional*, was the leading resistance group to governmental repression during the war. Named for Farabundo Marti, the leader of a peasant revolt in the 1930s, the FMMLN brought together five different guerilla groups. It then joined with the government in signing the peace accords. Since then, it has been recognized as a legitimate political party.

The FMMLN, according to Professor Molina, "put down their arms. They left them under the care of the UN. They changed from an armed struggle to a political struggle." He added that a number of former FMMLN commanders are now candidates for political offices from the local through the national levels.



Sr. Mary McGlone interpreted for Eduardo Molino at his presentation in Whitfield Center. Photo by Herb Simon

Despite these gains, however, Professor Molina said, "There are some black clouds that threaten this [peace] process. One is the reappearance of the Death Squads." He said that these actions have resulted in the recent assassinations of five political leaders, all former guerilla leaders who had "left guerilla activities and had been working for peace."

Another worrisome sign is the refusal of the chief justice of the Salvadoran supreme court to step down, as required by the peace accords.

A third trouble spot is the slow progress in the organization of the new Civil Police. Prior to war's end, the military was the sole security force in the nation, responsible for both internal security and defense from outside aggressors. It was used not only in direct repression of the people but it also allegedly provided armed personnel to the Death Squads. The accords call for removal of the military leadership, formation of a new Civil Police force and relegation of the Salvadoran military to national defense.

Finally, the elections themselves are threatened. Called by some the Elections of the Century, they are total, nationwide elections, the first since the war, and the first in which left-leaning political parties can legally participate.

Molina said the resurgence of Death Squad activity is a direct strategy of the extreme right to frighten people. "If people are afraid," he said, "if they doubt the incorruption of the elections, they won't run. If the Right wins the election, the accords will never be fulfilled."

"In El Salvador, we are tired of war, we are tired of injustice. What people need is to be able to live in peace."

Senior Show, Christmas Concert highlight holiday Arts offerings

Arts at Avila sponsors nearly 25 exhibits, concerts and plays each year. It helps underwrite the costs of Thornhill Gallery, Goppert Theater, and Avila music productions through membership donations.

Dan Larson, Humanities Department chairperson, said, "Arts at Avila helps to cultivate special audiences of contributors for all the art, music and drama programs."

Upcoming events during this holiday season:

Senior Show, featuring Angie Martin and Lisa Groves
December 3-10, Thornhill Gallery
Opening Reception, Dec. 3, 7-9 p.m.

Annual Christmas Concert
Dec. 5 - 4 p.m.
Goppert Theater

Preparatory Recitals I and II
Dec. 12 - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Goppert Theater

Student Show
Dec. 17-Jan. 14
Thornhill Gallery



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(You'll be able to tell
all your friends that you know
what that practicum thing is!)

Holiday traditions from around the World

Cultures throughout the world
celebrate Christmas in different and
unique ways. Each one has a
different view of Christmas and its
importance. To many, Christmas is
a commercial rather than religious
holiday and New Year's Day is their
biggest celebration.

For the cultures that
do observe
Christmas, their
customs on this day offer a
different view of the
holiday. Avila is a microcosm
of different cultures. The

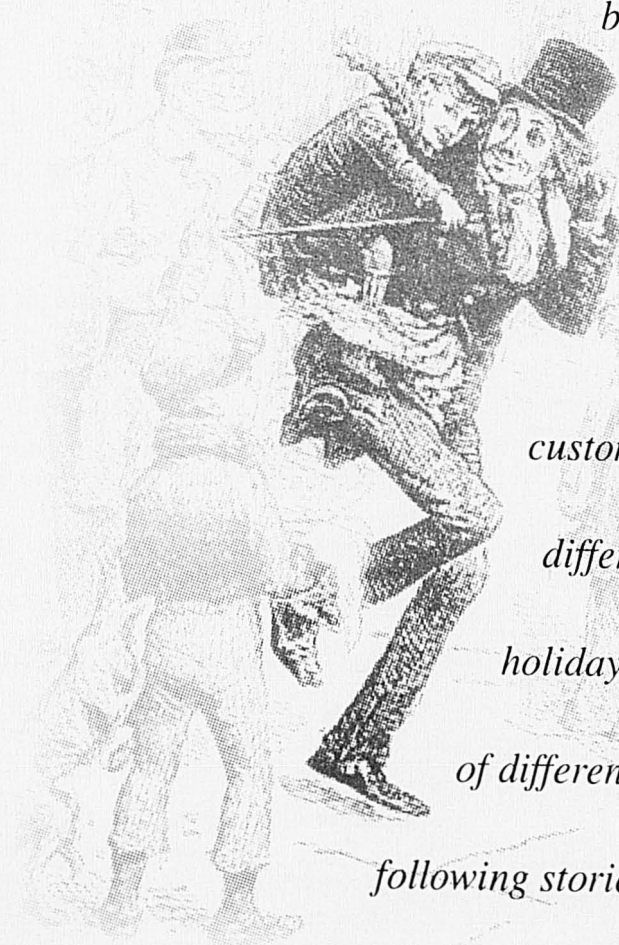
following stories tell of diverse
holiday traditions for the event that
Americans call Christmas.

The Japanese celebrate Christmas, but to them it has no religious meaning. "Children think it's fun because they get gifts and a big meal," Kazuyo Yoshida, a student from Japan, said. "Many Japanese children believe in Santa Claus and most families have a small artificial Christmas tree," she said. There is an exchange of gifts and young adults attend parties. Families with small children stay together for the holiday. Yoshida's family has a big meal with chicken and a Christmas cake. "Children believe it is a day to eat cake," she said. New Year's Day is a much more important holiday. Yoshida is not sure if she will be going home for Christmas.

Hisako Suka is another student from Japan. She says that Christmas is a time where "children expect their parents to give them gifts." Suka's family also has a Christmas tree, a dinner that consists of either turkey or chicken, and a Christmas cake. Suka says that New Year's is a much bigger holiday. It's a day where the Japanese "take a rest and relatives get together," Suka said. Suka will also be staying here for the Christmas break, but says that's fine with her.

"We celebrate Christmas like Americans-with our family," Jane Tarasova said. Tarasova is an international student from Russia. Her family exchanges gifts, and they even have a tree with ornaments. For their Christmas dinner, Tarasova's family eats chicken, meats that are cooked differently, and cakes. "We have Christmas, but it is not very common, instead we celebrate New Year's," Tarasova said. This Christmas Tarasova is staying in the United States. "I want to go home, but it's very expensive," she said.

In Thailand, Christmas and New Year's are celebrated together. Malls in Thailand compete for the best decorated tree. "Some schools have Christmas break and some don't," Panitra (Kwan) Thammarak said. On Christmas day, Christians go to church. They have a dinner that consists of both Thai food and American food. "Even some Buddhists have a Christmas



like Chinese people celebrate New Year's," Lu said. Lu will not be going home this Christmas break. "I don't feel bad if I won't be there, I can call if I want," Lu said.



Shin-Lu Kuo is another international student from Taiwan. In Taiwan, "Christmas is a commercial holiday with no religious meaning," Kuo said. She says her family has a Christmas tree and their Christmas dinner is a buffet meal. The Chinese New Year is a more

important holiday. For their New Year, Kuo's family has a party and invites some friends to come. There is also an exchange of gifts. Kuo will be going home for the holidays and is very excited about it.

tree in their house and have a dinner at home, like a normal holiday," Thammarak said. Thammarak will not be going home to Thailand this Christmas, but she still thinks that her Christmas will "be pretty fun."

Surachai Peetavibolstien, another student from Thailand, says that he too will not be going home for the Christmas break. He does not celebrate Christmas, "because my family's religion is Buddhist," Peetavibolstien said.

"We have a party like, American style. A lot of people have been to America and know how Western people celebrate and do the same thing," Maria Lu, an international student from Taiwan, said. They have a tree and give gifts, and young people (classmates and good friends) get together. They don't have a special Christmas dinner. "It's like a normal dinner," she said. "American's celebrate Christmas

important holiday. For their New

Year, Kuo's family has a party and invites some friends to come. There is also an exchange of gifts. Kuo will be going home for the holidays and is very excited about it.

"Happy New Year" from Russia

"Happy Chanukah" in Hebrew

"Merry Christmas" from Thailand

"Merry Christmas" from China

"Merry Christmas" from Japan

Text by Justine Dodge

Graphics by Ron Arens

Ira Schick, sophomore, spends his Christmas break celebrating an entirely different holiday. Schick is Jewish and his family celebrates Hanukkah, "the festival of light."

Hanukkah is based on a biblical story that deals with an oil lamp. Jewish temples were invaded and the Jews had to rebuild these temples. While rebuilding, they found an oil lamp that was supposed to burn

Traditions in America

one day, but it burned eight days and seven nights.

To celebrate this occasion, a menorah candle is lit every night of Hanukkah, each representing a night that the one oil lamp lasted. "We give out little presents each night," Schick said.

"Usually as you get older you get two or three big presents," he said. The Schicks do "put lights up around the house and have a big lit Star of David in the window," he said. There is no special holiday food and the gathering usually consists of the immediate family, but that "depends on the household itself," Schick said. "(Hanukkah) holds little significance in comparison to Yom Kippur (a day of atonement) and Rosh Hashanah," he said.

"On Christmas, being French-Americans, we celebrate like Americans do but we combine it all together," Michaela Duloher, sophomore, said. "When we were little and went to my Grandma and Grandpa's house, that's when we celebrated Christmas somewhat differently," she said.

Duloher's maternal grandmother was an immigrant from France. They put small toys on the Christmas tree instead of ornaments.

Little presents are set out around the tree and on Christmas day the largest presents are given. This is symbolic of saving "the best for last, as in Jesus' birthday being the best thing," she said.

Christmas is celebrated as the "anniversary of Jesus' birth," she said.



The Talon wishes to thank those students who supplied us with their

versions of some traditional holiday phrases in their native alphabets.

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NEWS BRIEFS

SIFE selling basketball T-shirts

Since Christmas is right around the corner, many have begun to feel the need to open up their hearts and give to the less fortunate. In that spirit, the Avila College chapter of Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is sponsoring a fund raiser to help St. Monica's Elementary School students go to Exchange City.

The fund-raiser, called Adopt-A-Shirt, will feature Avila basketball shirts on sale for \$8.50. The shirts will be available in Wendy Acker's office, in Whitfield Center Rm. 504H, and will eventually be sold at the basketball home games.

The proceeds of the shirt sales will send 60 students to Exchange City. Exchange City is a daylong activity that gives elementary students an opportunity to understand the free enterprise system by giving them a sense of what it means to earn a dollar. The students select various professions and must earn their wages to buy items made by students in other professions.

Besides helping St. Monica's students, SIFE is also trying to build school spirit at Avila. If you need more information on how to purchase a shirt, contact Jim Huber Jr., president of SIFE, or call Wendy Acker, faculty advisor, at 942-8400, ext. 2398.

Gorbachev advisor to speak here

SIFE is also sponsoring a lecture, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 26 in Whitfield Center, by Dr. Yuri Maltsev, a world renowned expert in international economics who was an advisor to Mikhail Gorbachev. He is currently the director of Free Enterprise International. The title of the lecture is Free Enterprise and Economic Transitions in Russia and the Former Iron Curtain Countries.

The other speaker will be Thomas Rustici, business entrepreneur and instructor of International Economics at Avila; the title of his lecture will be Free enterprise and Entrepreneurship: the Moral and Economic Imperative for the 21st Century. Maltsev and Rustici are co-authors of *International Political Economy*, a forthcoming textbook from Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich.

A reception for Maltsev will follow. All are invited to attend.

Workshop to focus on test-taking, study skills

The Student Resource Center is sponsoring a workshop from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. on Dec. 2 in O'Reilly 205.

The workshop will discuss methods for planning a study schedule, developing study guides, effectively taking tests (especially essay and short answer) and managing test taking anxiety.

For more information, contact Lisa Galbreath in the Student Resource Center, lower level Blasco Hall, or call 942-8400, ext. 2270.

Sign up now for 4-on-4

Four-on-Four co-ed volley-ball is about to begin. All Avila college students, staff and alumni are encouraged to participate.

Matches will be played at 9 p.m. Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 at the Mabee Fieldhouse.

To obtain a team sign up sheet, contact the athletic office in Mabee Fieldhouse or the Office of Student Life in upper level Marian Center.

All entries must be returned to the athletic office by 5 p.m. Nov. 19.

SUB to show *Free Willy*

The Student Union Board will be sponsoring two free showings of *Free Willy*.

The family matinee showing will be at 3 p.m. Nov. 20 in Whitfield Center.

The regular showing will be at 9 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Marian Center Lounge.

Volunteer opportunities abound for the holidays

Miracle On I-435

Special collection by St. Joseph Health Center for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, 5:30-9 a.m. Dec. 10. Volunteers can work the entire time or a shorter shift. Breakfast provided for volunteers.

Project Warmth

Help staff collection sites for people to drop off coats and blankets. Various dates and times.

Marillac

Help prepare trees for delivery at Nov. 26-28 tree festival which benefits Marillac. Various shifts available.

Network Rehab

Escort clients through agency-sponsored Services Christmas Store, assisting them with choosing and wrapping gifts. Dec 20, 21, 22.

Seton Center

Help prepare Christmas baskets for elderly and shut-in residents.

Paseo Area Christian Ecumenical Ministry

Volunteers needed to help with a Christmas meal and party for senior citizens. 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Christmas Day.

St. Francis Xavier

Volunteers needed to help with meal preparation and serving for those in need. Noon—2 p.m. Christmas Day.

For information or to volunteer for any of these causes, contact Nancy Wormington, coordinator of Service Learning, 942-8400, ext. 2370.

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ASNO focuses on social change

By Justine Dodge
Feature Editor

"We want to be seen as a positive force in the community," Mary Elliott, nursing major, said in regards to the Avila Student Nurses Organization (ASNO).

ASNO is not just a club for nursing majors. Anyone can join. "Some activities and programs that we talk about are for nurses, but many deal with social change and health care issues not necessarily specific to nursing," Shirley Dinkel, instructor of nursing and ASNO faculty advisor, said.

At the moment, ASNO is "adopting" a family for Thanksgiving. They have also adopted Red Bridge Road between Holmes and Wornall for litter cleanup. "As future nurses, we need to be visible to the community," Elliott said.

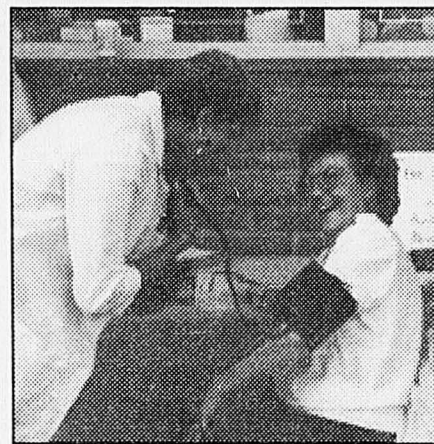
ASNO is also helping the only nursing school in Romania. "There is one school of nursing in Romania and those students have nothing," Elliott said. They are trying to send equipment and textbooks to those students.

ASNO just finished helping out at the HOPE house in Kansas City, which is a home for battered women. "We collected

over 200 pounds of diapers, toiletries, etc.," Elliott said. They were also involved in the blood drive at Avila. "A record number of people gave blood this year," said Elliott.

"When the need arises (ASNO) does a good job of rallying around to get the job done," Dinkel said. "It's a huge group, they do a lot, and are really motivated. It's nice to see such community participation."

ASNO meets the last Monday of every month, usually at noon, in Room 403 in the Borsierine Nurse Education Center. For more information about ASNO,



ASNO helped out at the Red Bridge blood drive

contact Shirley Dinkel, 942-8400 ext. 2333.

BARNHART & BUICE

"A Nightmare Before Christmas"

By Brian Barnhart

All that glitters is not gold. Such is true for *A Nightmare Before Christmas*. As visually stunning as it is, it is really not worth much in substance. *Nightmare* is a stop-action animated musical fantasy from Tim Burton.

Nightmare centers around Jack Skelington, the Pumpkin King. He has come to the conclusion that his annual Halloween caper has lost its magic; it is just not enough for him anymore. So with his "spirits" down he heads out to search for something new and exciting. To his surprise he finds it — Christmas.

Christmas fascinates Jack: the snow, the cheer, and a fat man named "Santy Claws." Jack tries to take over Christmas and give this Claws character a break. However, the result is gruesome and horrifying to the children of Christmas Town. In the end

Jack does discover the true meaning of Christmas and love, as predictably, but satisfyingly, planned.

Nightmare is visually exhilarating but lacks any depth in the script. The story is somewhat of a letdown, the music is fun, but at times tedious and lacking in originality.

Danny Elfman, who scores all of Burton's films, wrote the music and lyrics and also performed as the singing Jack Skelington.

Other performers include Catherine O'Hara (*Beetlejuice*, *Home Alone*), Paul Reubens (Pee-Wee), and Tim Burton himself.

I laughed mostly at the odd creatures throughout the film and at some of the gags, but the film's worthiness comes mainly from the brilliant painstaking process of the animation. I do recommend *Nightmare* as a lighthearted holiday film for everyone to get away from the hustle and bustle of the busy season.

"Wet"

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by Jason Buice

In a recent edition of the *Talon*, you might have read about Crazy River's newest album, "Wet." Now I'm here to tell you why you should buy this rambunctious creation.

I'm going to give a brief overview of three of my favorite songs, "Justify It," "Dream About Money," and "Flood."

"Justify It," is a great song because of the tender emotions and melodies that flow throughout the piece. Adams and Vaughan turn out beautiful harmonies with lyrics like, "You didn't leave, I left you...so go on believing...so justify it." I'm really in love with the poetic melancholy evoked through the song.

Sex and aggression sell "Dream About Money." Crazy River discusses all of those capitalistic sexists that live right next door, in this top-40-

hip-hop-groove-of-a-dance-tune. Adams is as vivacious as Melissa Ethridge or as funky as Amy Ray, with lyrics like, "I want to feel, I took a chance, I want to sing and dance! Will you touch me," and "Do you dream about me, like you dream about money?"

Finally on "Flood," Hakan (fifty times more powerful than any Jimmy Baker) tells us, "It's a crazy world out there. A mad, mad world. Full of fear, rage, power, and confusion!" However, Crazy River is here to heal us with their crazy jams, and crazy hands. Huh-huh, cool! He said, "hands." Crazy is cool!

Terry Southern's quote about Tom "The Electric Kool-Aid" Woolf is very befitting for this crazy new band, "[Crazy River] is a groove and a gas. Everyone should send [them] money and other fine things. Hats off to [Crazy River]." You can buy the album directly from Anthony Hakan, or at the Plaza Penny Lane.

Volunteering made easier by service learning

By Susan G. Caffey
Staff Writer

As the holidays approach, people feel the need to help others. One person at Avila who feels and fulfills this need year-round is Nancy Wormington, Coordinator of Service Learning. Wormington's job is to work with students who want to get involved in the community by volunteering.

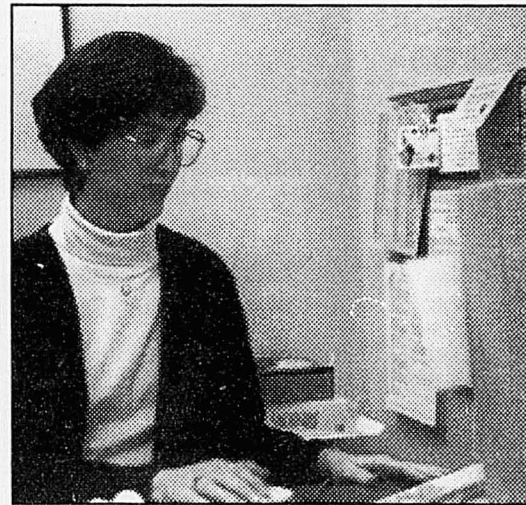
To support Avila's values and mission, the administration created Service Learning to help students develop interaction with and service to others.

"We have to do more than just words," said Dr. Larry Kramer, Avila's president. "It's very important to learn how to exist in and give back to our community."

This is what Wormington's job is all about.

She came to Avila with experience as an organizer and volunteer coordinator for nonprofit organizations. She believes in civic responsibility and community service. Helping others to help others is what she enjoys doing.

Students often want to help but don't know how. Wormington helps by connecting students with the organizations they want to be involved with.



Nancy Wormington

If they don't know which organization, she'll ask the right questions. "Why do you want to serve? Do you want something related to your major? What issues or causes do you feel strongly about?" She'll keep asking until students find the answers.

Now is the perfect time for students to enhance their contribution to the community. For a listing of volunteer opportunities see page 6.

Security student enjoys the job

By Mike Maupin
Sports Editor

Every college student operates on his or her own time schedule. Some students are well organized and complete assignments well before the deadline, while other students rush around adding the finishing touches to a paper or cramming facts for the "big test."

It doesn't matter what kind of students they are; all are busy and can run late for appointments or class. The parking lot may be full by the time they arrive on campus, so many students decide to make their own parking spaces. This is when Avila's security student steps in.

The security student works Monday through Friday mornings from 9 - 10 a.m., Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 3 - 4 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 6 - 7 p.m.

"I work these hours because the parking lots are the most congested during these times of the day," the security student said.

Besides writing tickets for illegally parked cars, the security student also looks for suspicious activity.

"If a car is broken into, I will write down the license number and then call 911," said the security student.

The security student has not encountered any danger thus far and enjoys the work. "I like my job as the security student because it involves walking around the parking lot. It is work, but at the same time, good exercise," the security student said.

Tickets issued to illegally parked cars contain the date of the offense, time, the make and year of the car, and the state

and license number. Also stated is the exact parking violation. Improper parking zones are "No Parking," handicapped, loading docks and fire lanes.

The ticket will also state the location of the infraction and include the security student's initials. A copy of the tickets issued is turned in daily to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Ron Frigault.

The security student has issued an estimated 60 tickets in the past two months.

"I have given about 30 tickets around Dallavis Center. This area has the most parking problems," said the security student.

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SPORTS

Avila basketball starts another season

Men's team already battling many injuries

By Gary Haarmann
Sports Writer

The Avila men's basketball season is right around the corner. Coach Fred Turner, now in his third season as head coach, has a very talented group of young men to work with.

Coach Turner will be assisted this year by Don Earnest, Mike Gailey and Larry Park.

This year's team will be led by seniors Rod Sterling and Brandon Ritchie, accompanied by four returning sophomores: Craig Johnston, Brad Koper, Cameron Woods and Eugene Troyer.

Transfers Jason Mitchel and Shawn Brewer are also expected to make impacts for Turner's squad.

Coach Turner is hoping he can get Mitchel involved on the offensive end of the court. On the other hand, he is hoping he can get 6'10" Shawn Brewer to

become a defensive force.

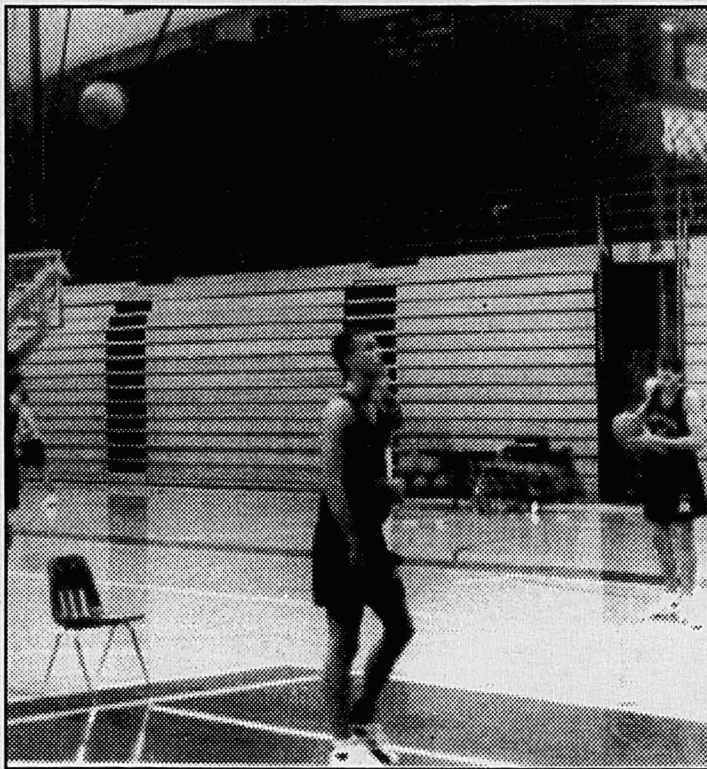
"I think if we can get Shawn to play more aggressive on the defensive side of the game, he can really help out our team," said Turner.

Coach Turner's biggest problem this season has been keeping his players healthy. Transfer forward Rod Savage has been lost for the entire season.

Johnston is recovering from a foot injury that was suffered in the first half-hour of the first practice. And Ritchie is still recuperating from an ankle problem from last year.

This year's squad has high expectations if they can stay healthy. Not only do the players and coaches feel they have a well-rounded ball club, but so does the NAIA. Avila received 28 votes in the pre-season basketball polls for a national ranking.

The team's first home game was Nov. 16. The next one is 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Mabec Fieldhouse.



A few of the basketball team members shoot some baskets at a recent practice in the fieldhouse.

Photo by Mike Maupin

Women's team has new coach

By Gary Haarmann
Sports writer

The women's basketball program at Avila is heading in a new direction. This year's team will be led by first-year coach Jim McMurray, an assistant coach for the Lady Eagles last year. The assistant coach will be Kimberley Burgett.

This year's squad has a good balance between upper and lower classmen.

Coach McMurray will be looking for leadership from seniors Shelly Schubert, Joyce Heimsoth and Tammy Walker.

"This year's team has a lot more balance. Coach McMurray has already accomplished a lot in a short time with this team. I am looking forward to the upcoming season," said Heimsoth.

McMurray's team will be looking to improve last year's 4-26 record. The team has a positive outlook on this season. "I think we will surprise a lot of teams this year. We have added some new people to last year's team, and we are looking forward to a successful year," said sophomore Ann Fahlstrom.

"The key to our success will be our defense," said junior Paulette Carothers.

Upcoming Women's Home Basketball Games

All games are at 7:30 p.m. in the Mabec Fieldhouse

Nov. 30	Kansas-Newman
Dec. 3	Hastings College
Dec. 4	Harris-Stowe State College
Dec. 6	Benedictine College

Soccer team ends with losing record

By Mike Maupin
Sports Editor

The Eagles men's soccer team finished a losing season with a 7-10-1 record. The team struggled with a 3-9 record in district competition and did not qualify for a play-off position.

Culver Stockton College beat the Eagles 3-1 on Oct. 29 at the Zarda Sports Complex. Four red cards were issued to Eagles players during the game.

The referee issues red cards for dangerous tackles, misconduct etc. Players who receive a red card must sit out for the remainder of the game and for the next scheduled match.

The team traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, on Oct. 30 to play Grandview College. That game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Although the team finished the season on a poor note,

players seem optimistic about next year's season.

"This year's team was made up of primarily young players. We really looked to the upper classman for leadership," said sophomore defender Lou Rotella. "Next year's team will be more experienced."

The soccer team will be losing five senior players—Kester Marsh, Jeff Doherty, Kyle Williams, G.T. McDonald and Brian Smith.

"The seniors were a great addition to the rest of the team. Their positive attitudes inspired the younger players," junior midfielder Phil Pillegi said.

The team will have to work hard in the off season in order to accomplish a winning season next year. "This young team has the foundation for a successful team in the future," Doherty said.

Volleyball players see improvement

By Gary Haarmann
Sports Writer

The Lady Eagles' regular volleyball season has come to an end. This year's team improved a great deal from last year's squad. Coach Jodi Smith's team accomplished its pre-season goals.

The first accomplishment came Nov. 12 when the Lady Eagles appeared for the first time in three years in post-season action.

Coach Smith's club was led by senior Amy Meiners. Meiners was selected to the first team all-tournament team in three of the four tournaments she played in.

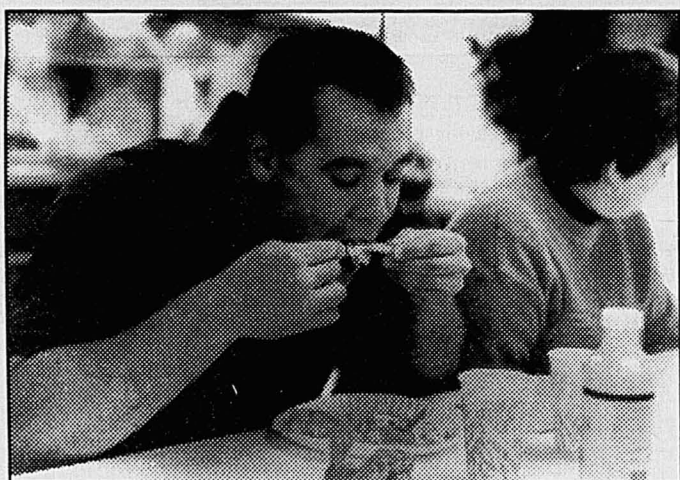
Teammate Jen Rakers was named to two all-tournament teams. Rakers will be expected to lead the talented young team next year.

The freshmen were a key part of this year's success. Diana Block and Michelle

Turner stepped right in and helped the squad achieve some of the team's goals.

Transfer Brandi Antinello and Rakers were also important factors to the success of the team. Another critical addition to the team was Ann Fahlstrom, who added help on the front line.

"Overall, I feel that the season was a success. We played well together and worked as a team," said junior setter Stacey Street.



Here's Michelle Turner's brother Mike, trying to eat his salad with a carrot stick. Photo by Jeff Doherty

Care for some fries with those Shoe Strings...?

By Mike Maupin
Sports Editor

The Avila women's volleyball team recognized their most important fans by hosting a Parents Nite on Nov. 6. The team held a "mystery dinner" during the day. That night they introduced the parents and players between volleyball matches.

The mystery dinner was held at 2 p.m. in the Barefoot Room for family and friends. The menu, titled the "Vole' Bo'l Cafe" featured entrees which were given code names such as a "Side Out" for a salad, "Spike" for a fork, "Antenna" for celery sticks, "Shoe Strings" for green beans and "Volleyballs" for fruit cocktail.

The guests were allowed to order four menu items at a time and were oblivious to what they were ordering. "I saw one lady eat a fruit cocktail with a celery stick," said guest Jeff Doherty. "It was really a creative idea, everyone had a lot of fun," said junior volleyball player Sarah Lathrom.

The volleyball team also introduced the parents and players to the crowd between matches. A special recognition went to the only senior on the team, Amy Meiners.

"I felt the team parents appreciated the days events," said Lathrom. "The players wanted to thank our parents for their support in a special way and Parents Nite was a perfect way to show them how thankful we are."